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Application No.: New U.S. Application)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: RESIN COMPOSITION AND USE)	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment:

Kindly replace claims 3-6, and add new claims 8-12, as follows:

3. (Amended) The resin composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polyalkylene carbonate (B) is polyethylene carbonate.

4. (Amended) The resin composition as claimed in claim 3, further satisfying that a pressed film of 0.5 mm thickness formed therefrom, has a Young's modulus at 23°C of 2500 MPa or less.

5. (Amended) The resin composition as claimed in claim 4 further satisfying that a pressed film of 0.1 mm thickness formed therefrom, has a carbon dioxide permeability coefficient at 25°C of 85 cc mm/m² day atm or less.

6. (Amended) A molded article made of the resin composition claimed claim 5.

8. (New) The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyalkylene carbonate (B) is polyethylene carbonate.

9. (New) The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, further satisfying that a pressed film of 0.5 mm thickness formed therefrom, has a Young's modulus at 23°C of 2500 MPa or less.

10. (New) The resin composition as claimed in claim 1 further satisfying that a pressed film of 0.1 mm thickness formed therefrom, has a carbon dioxide permeability coefficient at 25°C of 85 cc mm/m² day atm or less.

11. (New) A molded article made of the resin composition claimed in claim 1.

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12. (New) The molded article as claimed in claim 11, selected from the group consisting of a film, an oriented film, an injection-molded product, a blow-molded product, a laminate, a tape, a nonwoven fabric and a yarn.

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims and new dependent claims 8-12 have been added to encompass certain aspects of the invention within the original multiple dependent claims. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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Marked-up Claims 3-6

3. (Amended) The resin composition as claimed in claim [1 or] 2, wherein the polyalkylene carbonate (B) is polyethylene carbonate.

4. (Amended) The resin composition as claimed in [any of claims 1 to] claim 3, further satisfying that a pressed film of 0.5 mm thickness formed therefrom, has a Young's modulus at 23°C of 2500 MPa or less.

5. (Amended) The resin composition as claimed in [any of claims 1 to] claim 4 further satisfying that a pressed film of 0.1 mm thickness formed therefrom, has a carbon dioxide permeability coefficient at 25°C of 85 cc mm/m² day atm or less.

6. (Amended) A molded article made of the resin composition claimed in [any of claims 1 to] claim 5.